

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 09 JULY 1999

CEFMS:

CEFMS ISSUES:

a. Robert Richard, Bill Mordecai and Sharron Mordecai of the CEFMS Team met with Mr. Ken Stewart of ARINC (a contractor for DISC4) on July 1, 1999 to discuss operational testing requests from DISC4, via Colonel Cranford. Following the presentation of what we have accomplished within CEFMS Y2K testing to date Mr. Stewart recommended that he develop a final report in the preferred reporting format of the DISC4 and C-COM representatives.

We are providing Mr. Stewart copies of our sample tests, plans, etc. to aid him in developing the first draft of his report. He provided a sample of the required report format to assist us in gathering containing documentation that will provide enough information for him to complete a near final draft. When he has the draft complete we will schedule a final meeting to address questions and provide additional detail if needed.

Mr. Stewart identified three test "date" scenarios that are included in the required testing that we needed to verify for the operational system test. Bill Mordecai has coordinated with CEAP and verified completion of these three test scenarios and we will include these in our documentation.

Mr. Stewart strongly believes that all parties with DISC4, C-COM, etc. will be comfortable (preclude the need for additional testing) with our 2nd level testing when they receive this new report. Mr. Stewart stated that we will have the opportunity to review the final report prior to his submission to DISC4.

We are of the opinion that no further "operational" testing will be required upon the completion/submission of Mr. Stewart's report.

b. During the 22 June 1999 MSC DRM meeting as a follow on to the National RMB Meeting I made a commitment to assess the current CEFMS operating budget capability and to provide some feedback to MSC DRM's regarding the "state" of that capability.

On 2 July I met with the CEFMS Team and reviewed the "current" capability in CEFMS for the operating budget and

manpower functions. My assessment is that the capability we have attempted to program, as of this date, in CEFMS for both applications is working. The current operating budget capability emanated from the COBUG IPR Team that was designated by CERM-B (Mr. Ringer). The current manpower capability emanates from the requirements defined by CERM-M (Mr. Borges).

I heard the MSC DRM's concerns and understand their frustration related to the current CEFMS operating budget capability. I believe that the best way to address those concerns in the context of the current CEFMS capability is to provide training/orientation for the "key" budget analysts that have the responsibility for the operating budget. Since in a lot of locations the primary budget analyst will also be responsible for manpower functions we can also take advantage of the opportunity to provide some hands on training on the CEFMS Manpower capability.

We are planning two training/orientation sessions to be presented at the UFC in Millington. Each session will include the operating budget segment which will begin at 1300 hours on Monday and run until the end of the day on Wednesday and the manpower segment which will begin at 0800 hours on Thursday and end at the close of business that day. The first session will start at 1300 hours on Monday, 26 July 1999 and wrap-up on Thursday, 29 July 1999. The second session will start at 1300 hours on Monday, 9 August 1999 and wrap-up on Thursday, 12 August 1999. The primary instructor for the operating budget capability will be Mary Young. Rusty Lundy will be the primary instructor for the manpower capability. Mary and Rusty will be assisted by personnel from HQUSACE Budget and Manpower Divisions based on their availability.

In our notification to the MSC DRM's we requested they ensure their folks understand these sessions relate to current/existing CEFMS capability, not future plans/enhancements such as the results of the 1998 Budget Mini-strap. The enhancements, requirements detailed in that effort have not yet been programmed.

We also issued a special invitation to the MSC, FOA, or Center Resource Managers to attend the same session their folks will be attending.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 923 versus 996 on the last report. The inventory includes 102 Priority #1 problem

reports. The open inventory also includes 7 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

The downward trend appears to be continuing. This has to be considered a good news story but we are not quite ready to shout it from the "housetop".

b. Forty-two (42) of the sixty-three databases have no imbalances, eight (8) have one, seven (7) have two, one (1) has three, the remaining five (5) sites have eight or less. The grand total of database imbalances across the complete system is fifty-two (52) down from seventy (70) on the last report. This is the first time except for 30 September, end of the fiscal year, when we ensure that all imbalances are corrected prior to closing the databases, that all sites were at zero or **in single digits**. This definitely is a good news story. I am beginning to sense that we have turned the corner with the CEFMS code.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

a. The next and the last site(s) HECSA (servicing the NCR locations) in the current schedule will be consolidated on 1 August 1999.

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	28
Millington	275
Washington	2
Other	1
DA Interns (Millington)	3
Total	309

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 06/30/99	Current Month	Year to Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	220,707	8,461	238,168
Percent of Total	73%	58%	73%
Dollar Amount	\$3,364,025,019	\$88,429,335	\$3,452,454,354

BY EFT:

Transfers Made	82,857	6,050	88,907
Percent of Total	27%	42%	27%
Dollar Amount	\$2,146,443,482	\$112,535,241	\$2,258,978,723

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. The DFAS contractor is on target to make the scheduled delivery date of 20 July 99, on Building 787, Naval Support Activity. Current plans are to take possession of the building on 23 July 99. We anticipate that 2, (North and South), of the 3 parking lots will be completed by our move date which is tentatively scheduled for 13 Aug 99, pending contract award for our physical relocation. The Naval Support Activity has allocated interim parking space to accommodate our workforce while the new (East) and 3rd parking lot is being constructed. Movement of the UFC should be transparent to customers supported with the exception of adding additional facsimile numbers to facilitate workload and office layouts.

The capability for communications to the building is not the responsibility of the DFAS contractor. That is a USACE responsibility and we have been in close contact with the IM folks in HQUSACE to ensure this action is moving. The Frame Relay circuit for building 787 has been ordered from MCI. Dale Winstead and Sandy Charlton, CEIM-SI, have contacted the three telephone companies involved (MCI, South Central Bell, and Millington) and all have agreed to expedite the order. Expected completion date is 28 Jul 99.

b. We have completed the interviews of accountant and accounting technician candidates for the positions that will support the HECSA F&A consolidation which is effective 1 August 1999. We will have the advance accounting teams at HECSA next week to review open Transactions For Other (TFO's), Transactions By Others (TBO's), Military and civil suspense account balances and other military reports that are unique to HECSA.

c. The Accounting Operations Directorate, Travel Branch will be working this weekend to complete the computations of all outstanding Relocation Income Tax Allowance (RITA) vouchers for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders.